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Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application. In response to this requirement, please provide answers to each of the following interrogatories eliciting factual information: in the office action mailed 10/13/05 a rejection was made using the Ohmi et al., U.S. Patent 6,719,875 reference which shares an inventor with the instant application to show a dielectric formed on the front side of an auxiliary electrode and not on the back side of the auxiliary electrode.

On page 14, lines 4-6 of the specification of the instant application, it is clearly stated that "the auxiliary electrode 901 has an insulator 902 formed on the surface 106 of the auxiliary electrode 104" and the drawings show a dielectric formed on the front and not on the back. Furthermore, the Ohmi et al. '875 reference which shares an inventor with the instant application also similarly states "...such a material having an insulating film formed on its surface may be used" (see col. 7-lines 49-51) when discussing the auxiliary electrode. For these reasons, applicant is required under 37 CFR 1.105 to discuss how the Ohmi et al. reference is different from the instant application/invention particularly when they share inventors and use the same language when disclosing the structure of the auxiliary electrode, specifically, forming an insulating layer on the front and not on the back of the auxiliary electrode. The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained may be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of two months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).



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